sites are proposed to be indentified and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) The extent policy for licensing of Electric Arc Furnace Units (Mini Steel Plants) provides for—

(1) Small Units in States with less than 36,000 tonnes licensed capacity;

(2) A few comparatively large sized units based on modern steel-making technoligies;

(3) Expansion of exising units based on their past production performance; and

(4) Steel-making capacity by-way of backward integration for the existing licensed re-rolling units, under certain conditions.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. It is for the entrepreneurs to choose the locations. Their applications for industrial licences are considered in accodance with the licensing policy of the Government.

Crops affected by hailstorm

1351. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the damage to crops affected by hailstorm in many parts of the country recently;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to provide help in the affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b): The State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have reported damage to crops due to hailstorm.

The State-wise details are as under:—

	(in lakh Ha)
(1) Madhya Pradesh	6.76
(2) Maharashtra—	
(a) Agricultural land ..	0.26
(b) Area of orchard affected	0.03

The Government of Haryana have reported that hailstorm occurred in the State but was of mild intesity. A nominal damage was caused to crops.

No other State/UT has sent the information on damages due to this calamity.

(c) Necessary relief measures have been taken by the concerned State Governmtnts. The Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have sought Central assistance and their requests are under consideration.

Encroachment of DDA Land in C-3A, Pocket Market of Janakpuri, New Delhi

1352. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of continued encroachment and occupation of Delhi development Authority land by vegetable stall keepers and unauthorised use of such land by other shopkeepers in C-3A, pocket Market of Janakpuri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken by Government to clear the said land of the unauthorised occupation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.